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RESTRUCTURING OF COFFEE PLANTATION OPERATION

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coffee Board has any proposal to restructure its plantation operation;
- (b) if so, steps being taken in that direction;
- (c) whether incentives are being given to increase the production of coffee;
- (d) if so, the details of the same; and
- (e) the other programme included in the restructuring of the plantation operation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (d): Coffee Board is already implementing a number of schemes for increasing the production, productivity and providing support to coffee growers for development of coffee under which various types of financial/technical assistance are provided to coffee growers both in traditional and non-traditional coffee growing areas. Further, in order to improve farm productivity, quality, processing and marketability of Indian coffee and also to reduce the credit burden of the coffee growers, the Coffee Board is operating several specific programmes providing for direct financial support/subsidy to the coffee growers during the 10th Plan. This includes providing assistance for activities like re-planting, water augmentation, extending support in the form of agricultural research through Board's extension network.

(e): Does not arise.